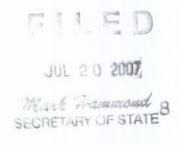
State of South Carolina

Executive Department





Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

WHEREAS, South Carolina needs a competitive and skilled workforce to compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, a partnership between workforce development and economic development are necessary to improve South Carolina's economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, the system for collecting economic and workforce information should be more focused on local, regional, and state economics and should be integrated in order to provide accessible tools, labor market information, economic development assessments, and common reporting and performance measures; and

WHEREAS, the Labor Market Information – One Stop Core Services program is one of the most important tools the state has for the collection of economic and workforce information needed to ensure an integrated reporting and performance measurement system; and

WHEREAS, the Labor Market Information – One Stop Core Services program includes workforce database, ALMIS and PEARS, employment and labor projections, and annual economic analysis; and

WHEREAS, positioning the Labor Market Information – One Stop Core Services program with the Workforce Investment Act program within the South Carolina Department of Commerce will help further workforce development and job creation in South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of powers conferred upon me by Public Law 105-22. I hereby transfer the administration of the Labor Market Information - One Stop Core Services program, currently located at the South Carolina Employment Security Commission, to the South Carolina Department of Commerce in an effort to increase accountability and better coordination of workforce development and economic development within the state.

FURTHER, I direct the Department of Commerce and the Employment Security Commission to work together openly and cooperatively to ensure a successful transition of the Labor Market Information - One Stop Core Services program to be completed no later than September 1, 2007.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND SECRETARY OF STATE GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 20 DAY OF JULY, 2007.

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